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1. a. Former regular artillery NCOs in Kuestrin (O 53/V 66) were called on, in late March 1950, to join the VP as instructors. They were offered a monthly pay of 380 eastmarks, free food, clothing and quarters.
- b. Seventeen to 26-year-old men in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) were approached at the same time to sign up for VP service.
2. a. On 1 April 1950 after the weekly Saturday conference of all officers of the Havelberg VP school, the field officers were detained by the school commandant for a confidential address. Polizei-kommandeur Bellmann read an order by the Police Chief of the German Democratic Republic stating that a new parachute unit would be activated in Wiek on the Darss Peninsula (N 55/P 15). The field officers were told to inform their units in an appropriate manner in an effort to secure volunteers for the new unit. VP personnel willing to become parachutists were to be reported to Oberst-kommandeur Splitter, Section Ia, Chief of Police, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh. Volunteers were only told that they would receive extra pay.
- b. At the same meeting the school commandant informed the officers that flight personnel of the former German Air Force would soon be transferred to air units. Personnel could also volunteer for training at VP pilot schools.

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3. The personnel of the Kochstedt (M 52/E 06) VP school were requested, in early April 1950, to volunteer for service with VP air units to be activated.
4. a. All graduates of Stendal (M 53/Y 85) schools were examined in mid-April 1950 as to whether they were fit for police duty. Slogans and posters propagating the service with the Volkspolizei were increasingly seen in industrial and business enterprises.

b. All ex-sergeants of the former German Armed Forces who had previously been ousted from the police, were summoned from over all the Soviet Zone of Germany during the first half of 1950 to rejoin the Volkspolizei. They were promised the rank to which they would have advanced had they stayed in the Volkspolizei.

c. The Stendal VP personnel, on 23 April 1950, had to take notice of a circular calling on volunteers for service as parachutists.

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